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SUBJECT: US-POLISH COOPERATION IN EMIGRATION FROM SOVIET UNION TO U.S.

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1. DEPARTMENT SHARES DOUBTS OF EMBASSIES MOSCOW AND WARSAW ABOUT WHETHER THE POLISH OVERTURES IN KIEV HAVE FORMAL BACKING OF AUTHORITIES IN WARSAW. WE ALSO HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT PRACTICABILITY OF ARRANGEMENTS THE POLISH OFFICIAL IN KIEV PROPOSED CONCERNING PROCESSING OF ANY POLES IN THE SOVIET UNION WHO MIGHT WISH TO EMIGRATE TO THE UNITED STATES. NOR CAN WE BE CERTAIN THAT THEIR NUMBERS WOULD BE SIGNIFICANT. NEVERTHELESS, WE PREFER NOT TO ALLOW THE CONFIDENTIAL

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MATTER TO DIE WITHOUT AN EFFORT TO DETERMINE THE AUTHENTICITY OF THE OVERTURE IN KIEV BY PROBING ATTITUDE IN WARSAW. IF THE PROPOSAL IS GENUINE, OUR FAILURE EVEN TO EXPLORE IT COULD LEAVE THE IMPRESSION WE ARE UNINTERESTED IN SUCH MATTERS.

2. WE RECOGNIZE THAT SOVIET AUTHORITIES MIGHT NOT BE

RECEPTIVE EVEN TO SUCH INDIRECT ARRANGEMENTS TO EFFECT THE EMIGRATION OF ANY OF THESE PERSONS TO THE UNITED STATES. WE ALSO REALIZE THAT THE SITUATION OF POLES IN THE SOVIET

UNION IS A TOUCHY QUESTION FOR THE WARSAW LEADERSHIP AND POLONIA, AS WELL AS FOR THE SOVIET UNION. WE THEREFORE CONCUR IN WARSAW'S VIEW THAT OUR PROBING SHOULD BE LOW-KEY AND EXPLORATORY. THE QUICKEST AND SUREST WAY OF ASCERTAINING OFFICIAL POLISH VIEWS WOULD PROBABLY BE THROUGH A QUERY BY EMBASSY WARSAW OF AN APPROPRIATE FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIAL, PROBABLY IN THE CONSULAR DEPARTMENT. IN THE MEANTIME, THE DEPARTMENT WILL CHECK WHAT HISTORICAL AND LEGAL BACKGROUND MAY BE AVAILABLE REGARDING THE QUESTION OF REPATRIATION OF POLES IN THE SOVIET UNION AND THEIR POSSIBLE ONWARD IMMIGRATION.

3. FOR WARSAW: PROCEED WITH YOUR PROBING OF THE GOP ATTITUDE ALONG THE LINES SUGGESTED ABOVE. VANCE

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